THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAIKATHIRIA): (a) to (c)The Growth Centre Scheme which is at present being implemented in identified backward areas is meant only to develop infrastructure facilities in these Centres with a view to attract industries there. As far as setting up of heavy industry is concerned, following the delicensing of the non-strategic sector, the initiative for location of industries rests with the promoter. In so far as the Department of Heavy Industry is concerned, there is no proposal at present for setting up any new unit in public sector.

Channels provided by DD Kendra of Bangalore

2721. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of channels presently provided by Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore;

(b) whether the number of channels from DD Bangalore is proposed to be increased from March, 2003; and

(c) the steps being taken to expand the DD base in Bangalore including its production facility?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Two channels, DD-1 and DD-2, are relayed in terrestrial mode, by DDK, Bangalore, and DD-9 (Kannada Channel) uplinked from DDK, Bangalore is available to viewers in satellite mode.

(b) A digital terrestrial transmitter (DTT), capable of transmitting up to 10 channels, is envisaged to be set up at Bangalore in the Annual Plan, 2002-03.

(c) Doordarshan has proposed digitization of production facilities at major Kendras including DDK, Bangalore during the 10th Plan.

Resignation of the Chairman of Central Censor Board

2722. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Central Censor Board has resigned before the completion of his term;